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VERMONT SCHOOLS MAY GET STATE ACCOUNT SYSTEM

Burlington, Nov. 21.—A universal accounting system for all the Vermont schools similar to the system now in use throughout New York State was advocated by Dr. M. B. Hillegas, state commissioner of education, on his recent visit to Burlington and will probably go into effect at the beginning of the next school year. Practically all of the cities and towns throughout the state use slightly different accounting systems for their schools and these also differ from the method of the state board of education, so that confusion arises when an attempt is made to verify reports and it is also difficult to secure accurate statistics under the separate accounting methods. The new system differs but slightly from the accounting method now used in the office of Superintendent Chittenden, and even if it is not made state-wide will probably be used by Mr. Chittenden next year. A universal school accounting system throughout the state would not only simplify the work of making reports to the state board of education, but also to the national commissioner of education at Washington.

Caledonian Want Ads Pay

OFFICIAL ATTENDANCE

Of N. E. Fruit Show held in Montpelier is given at 7000

An official report of the attendance at the New England Fruit show, given by Secretary M. B. Cummings of the State Horticultural society, says a total of 7073 was present during the three days and four evenings of the big event. By far the great majority of this number were Vermonters—not far from 7000 of them—but many other states were represented also.

One man, George H. Terrill of Morrisville, drove 30 miles to get to the show. He had to push through the snow with a wagon and a single horse. In order to return he was compelled to have the animal re-shod and obtain a sleigh to replace the wagon.

Hon. L. Lewis Ellsworth of Worcester, Mass., president of the Western Mass. Horticultural society, and F. Howard Brown of Marlboro, Mass., its secretary for several years, were among the conspicuous figures present in addition to Governor Gates, ex-Gov. Stickney, etc. Members of the supreme court, says Secretary Cummings, were there and "passed judgment upon the show." Officers of the horticultural societies of other states were plentifully sprinkled among the visitors. The latter were mostly subordinate officers of the show as a whole and were officially present.

FRATERNAL MEETINGS

Passumpsic Lodge, No. 27, F. & A. M. Regular Communication Thursday evening, December 7. P. W. Jackson, W. M.

Frederic H. Dolloff, Secretary. Maxwell Royal Arch Chapter, No. 11. Stated Convocation Friday evening, December 8.

RAYMOND A. PEARL, E. H. P. Fred G. Moore, Secretary.

Palatine Commandery, No. 5, K. T. Stated Conclave Tuesday evening, December 5.

ARTHUR G. SPRAGUE, Em. Commander. EARL D. EVANS, Recorder.

The Museum of Natural Science. Open week days 9-12 A. M., 1-4 P. M. Sundays 2:30 to 5 P. M. All visitors welcomed.

St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. LIBRARY. READING ROOM. ART GALLERY. 9 o'clock to 9 o'clock each week day, Wednesday evenings excepted. 3 o'clock to 5 o'clock Sunday.

LOCAL NOTICES (Notices will be inserted in this column in reading matter type at the rate of ten cents a line for the first insertion and five cents a line for subsequent insertions of the same copy.)

The ladies of the Universalist church will hold their annual sale and supper in the church parlors, Nov. 23 and 24. There will be tables of food, aprons, fancy articles and home made candies. On Thursday evening they will serve a clam chowder supper, early table at 5:30. On Friday evening an entertainment will be given.

Save December 1st for "Daddy Long Legs."

I have moved my office from my house to the Merchants bank block. Office hours 10 A. M. to 12 M., 1:30 P. M. to 4 P. M. Dr. T. R. Stiles.

Get a box of Almon's Cold Tablets at Seaside drug store and cure your cold. Only 25 cents.

Fairbanks Coffee, sold by A. H. Gleason, 73 Main street.

If you need a monument or any lettering done in cemetery write or call 534 M. J. E. Walker.

450 BUCKS KILLED TO DATE

Hunters Report to Game Commissioner a Week of the Open Season.

With one week of the deer season gone, a report from the office of Fish and Game Commissioner J. W. Titcomb shows that 451 bucks have been shot in the state since the opening, Nov. 15.

The number by counties is as follows: Addison 14, Bennington 38, Caledonia 21, Chittenden 10, Essex 37, Franklin 7, Lamoille 29, Orange 30, Orleans 12, Rutland 52, Washington 80, Windham 80, Windsor 41.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING PLANS.

Shop Early Campaign Inaugurated—Window Trimming Contest by St. Johnsbury Merchants—Prizes.

The retail committee of the Commercial club met Friday afternoon to perfect plans for the Christmas shopping campaign which will be inaugurated Thursday, Dec. 7. Especial emphasis will be laid upon the early shopping feature and the buyers are urged to cooperate with the merchants and shop early.

The committee voted to conduct a contest to stimulate a greater interest in window display, fully realizing that good windows not only mean more business to the enterprising merchants that install them, but also give the town a brighter and more metropolitan aspect. Full details of the contest will be announced later and all local merchants will not only be invited but urged to participate. Every St. Johnsbury merchant will be eligible for entry and valuable prizes will be awarded the winners and cash prizes to the school children for judging the displays. The prizes will be awarded by a competent committee of outsiders and the cash prizes will be given to those school children whose judgment as to the prizes agrees with the special committee of judges. Three complete scholarships in the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pa., valued at from \$500 to \$800, will be given to the successful contestants. The prizes will be of great value to the winners as they include a set of the famous I. C. S. reference library that have been successfully used by thousands of merchants all over the United States.

The merchants who do not win will benefit in two ways. First, in the increased business during and after the contest; second, in a greater appreciation of window decoration.

R. K. C. CLASS ENTERTAINED

Academy Girls Hold Candy Pull—Outhcr St. J. A. Students Present.

The academy girls of the North Congregational Sunday school royally entertained the R. K. C. class and a few other academy students at a candy pull Friday evening in the North church. If "the proof of the pudding is in the eating" the young ladies may well congratulate themselves as cooks, judging by the manner in which the many candies were received. The masculine guests enjoyed the participation in different athletics feats and stunts which were followed by a few guessing contests. The R. K. C. quartet rendered a selection and the gathering broke up with several songs by the whole company.

LOSES THUMB ON SAW

Workman Employed at the Fairbanks Saw Factory Meets With Accident

James Sanborn, while at work on a sawing machine in the pattern room of the Fairbanks shops Friday afternoon, had the misfortune to cut off the thumb of his right hand.

Advertised Letters.

Letters advertised for the week ending Nov. 19 are: Ladies, Mrs. E. D. Blodgett, Mrs. H. J. Benson, Miss Lillie C. Emery, Mrs. Lottie Wentworth; gentlemen, G. D. Chase, Geo. R. Bray (3).

PASSUMPSIC CONG CLUB HOLDS MEET

Seventeenth Annual Session Of The Society Met At South Congregational Church Tuesday With Large Attendance

ELECT OFFICERS

After Business Meeting was held Banquet Followed by Speeches—Rev. C. A. Adams, Arthur T. Stone and Rev. J. J. Hutchinson are Speakers.

The 17th annual meeting of the Passumpsic Congregational club met at the South Congregational church Tuesday afternoon, beginning at six o'clock with a banquet and followed by a business meeting and lecture at eight o'clock by Rev. H. L. Davidson of Lisbon, N. H.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, F. W. Baldwin of Barton; vice president, Judge Nelson A. Dole of Danville; secretary and treasurer, Miss Helen Graves of St. Johnsbury Center.

Justice was done to the excellent menu prepared by the ladies of the church following which the chairs were pushed aside and the banqueters listened to some excellent after-dinner speeches. The first was by Rev. C. A. Adams of Danville who spoke on, Why do Canadians Make such Good Yankees and is there any Pull to the Old Flag at this time.

Arthur F. Stone the next speaker gave an interesting and entertaining rendering of the subject, "Do the churches need book worms or fish worms?" Rev. J. J. Hutchinson of Lyndonville brought the post prandial exercises to a close by answering the question, "Can a minister run across country and at the same time run across sermons."

Other committees elected for the year were the executive committee composed of Rev. J. J. Hutchinson of Lyndonville; Rev. A. M. Caldwell of St. Johnsbury Center; and Herbert Balch of St. Johnsbury.

The question came up at the business session whether the annual meeting should be continued, as, until last summer, none had been held since 1911. The delegates voted to hold a session each year for it was shown there were many waiting to gain membership in the club.

At 8 o'clock Rev. H. L. Davidson of Lisbon gave an interesting talk on the work, that has been done by the church in his village.

\$276,779.63 FOR SCHOOLS.

All But Three Towns of Vermont Represented in the Division of This Sum.

All but three towns in the state will share in the "balance of the consolidated school fund," as the laws of 1915 term it. All but these have spent at least \$200 on their rural schools.

Dr. Milo B. Hillegas, state commissioner of education, has given out a statement in which he said: "The commissioner is engaged in issuing the warrants for the consolidated schools for the payment of the consolidated school fund of the various towns. All but three towns in the state share in this fund. Apart from the amounts appropriated for transportation and the employment of trained teachers, advanced instruction and vocational courses, the sum of \$91,854.43 is to be distributed."

"Twenty-four thousand eight hundred and ninety-six dollars and sixty-three cents has been apportioned to the various towns for assisting in the cost of repairs and new buildings. Each town receives one-half of the amount expended for these purposes, between the sums of \$200 and \$800. We won't help any town that has spent less than \$200 on buildings and repairs."

"Sixty-seven thousand one hundred and eighty dollars and twenty cents was appropriated to the various towns spending on the average for the past four years sixty per cent or more of the grand list for current expenses."

"The towns will receive a total of \$278,779.63 from the state for the school year ending June, 1916. The corresponding total in the previous year was \$268,067.03."

The delay in the apportionment of the fund balance due the towns has arisen from the necessity of first obtaining the exact and complete returns of every town in the state in the matter of its expenditures. A special committee of the board of education has finished most of the preliminaries required for the necessary warrants are now being made out on the state treasurer, and the various sums to be paid should begin to go out the first thing next week.

The balance of the consolidated fund is not only far greater than the case, but it is larger than the last legislature presumed would obtain. The legislature's advance estimate was not within \$33,000 of the actual amount of the fund.

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A. H. McLEOD DIES

Had For Many Years Been a Prominent Business Man of St. Johnsbury—Funeral Thursday.

St. Johnsbury lost a sterling citizen and one of its foremost business men when Angus H. McLeod passed away early Tuesday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. L. Stevens. Although in failing health for several years, his indomitable will refused to submit to bodily infirmities, and it was only a few months ago that he gave up his last connection with the business life of St. Johnsbury with which he had been closely identified for more than 40 years.

Angus Hector McLeod was born at Cote St. George, Ont., Nov. 29, 1842, of Scotch parentage. He was educated at Huntingdon academy, Huntingdon, P. Q. Early left fatherless he was obliged to earn his own living, his only capital consisting of his faith, courage and his industry. As a boy in his teens he entered a grist mill, and soon owned a small one of his own at Trout River, N. Y. From there he came to St. Johnsbury in 1871 and bought the Caledonia mill which he gradually developed into the extensive business known as the A. H. McLeod Milling Co., managing it most successfully until his retirement in 1910.

He never sought public office but served at various times as lister, village trustee, and school director. In 1880 he became a director of the First National bank and in 1895 succeeded the late Col. Fairbanks as president of the institution. He held the office until failing health compelled his retirement January 1st of the present year. He had been vice president of the Ely Hoe & Fork Co. and a director in the E. & T. Fairbanks Co. In 1915, in all his business relations his keen intellect, unerring judgment, wonderful memory and lively sense of humor made him a valuable advisor.

He was a faithful member of the South church for over 40 years, regularly in his pew on Sunday as long as health permitted. He was one of the founders of Brightbrook hospital and was always interested in the best good of the town. Never did he turn a deaf ear to a call of real need and his erect bearing and hearty greeting so familiar on the streets of this village will be missed by a large circle of friends.

He married in 1867 Mary J. Roge, of Trout River, N. Y., who died in 1909 after 42 years of ideal wedded life. Their three children are Charles H. of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. J. Brooks and Mrs. A. L. Stevens of this place. He also leaves five grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. James Horton of Montreal, and two nephews.

Since the death of his wife Mr. McLeod has made his home with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stevens on Main street, whose devoted care has made his invalid years happy and contented.

The funeral service will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from 109 Main street.

Bradstreets Vermont Weekly Report

Bradstreets Burlington office reports further expansion in practically all lines of manufacture. The cold weather of the week together with good sleighing have been factors tending to stimulate retail trade in seasonable goods. Granite monumental men report orders coming in slowly but predict and anticipate a large business for the coming spring period.

Granite quarries have enjoyed a good business and report large shipments of rough stock. The demand for granite for building purposes is still slow. Marble is reported as moving reasonably well and there is a good demand for slate for all purposes. Lumber is in demand. There has been a larger amount of hard wood utilized this year than that reported previously.

Robbin manufacturers report a large volume of business, one new firm in this line is to commence business right away, in this state. Large orders have been placed for turned wood novelties. Organ manufacturers report a liberal increase in the demand for their production and manufacturing of piano backs and sound boards are operating full force and overtime in order to take care of orders in anything like reasonable time. The furniture manufacturers also are behind in shipments. The demand for such and blind is reported as only fair. The snow fall of the early part of the week was general from the central portion of the state and northward. South of this line but little snow fell. Farmers are finding a ready sale for all kinds of produce and prices received are of the highest on record. While commodity prices will be a factor the outlook for holiday trade warrants the statement that there will be liberal buying. Dairy products are in good demand and heavy shipments noted. There is a larger demand for poultry, turkeys and similar products beyond ability to supply. Collections vary from slow to slow but there is noted a small improvement. The week's failures number two as compared with eight for the same period last year. The amount of money involved was 36 percent less than a year ago.

"Old Maids" Play Cards.

The Old Maids Whist club held their first party of the season Friday evening at the home of Miss Hazel Shaw, South Main street. The club is composed of 12 young ladies.

Use the American Tablet.

NATIONAL GRANGE

Appoint Committee to Prepare Brief Freeing Farmer of High Cost of Living Blame

Washington, Nov. 21.—The national grange in their session here today nominated a committee to prepare a brief freeing the farmer of the blame of the high cost of living. The committee appointed, after a discussion of the question whether "the farmers are getting rich at the expense of the consumer," began work on the brief.

The farmers showed that the cost of their product was twice as much as a few years ago and also showed the difficulty in obtaining market for their products.

\$100,000 FOR U.V.M.

General Rush C. Hawkins Offers University of Vermont \$100,000 On Condition \$200,000 Is Raised.

General Rush C. Hawkins of Burlington has agreed to give \$100,000 to the university of Vermont on condition that \$200,000 more be raised in some manner by the university. Mr. Hawkins is a civil war veteran of 86 years of age. Several years ago he gave to the university a very valuable collection of books treating with the civil war. This collection is surpassed in this country only by one at Princeton. With the offer Mr. Hawkins gives several suggestions for improvements. They are that a new auditorium be built, more room for the Billings library, a larger library for the college of medicine, that the engineering department have a new building or an addition, and that the science building be enlarged or a new one erected.

It seems quite probable that the \$200,000 can be raised.

ADVERTISING COMMENDED

Head of O'Keefe Advertising Agency Says Newspaper Adds Pay.

Boston, Nov. 21.—Maj. Patrick J. O'Keefe of the O'Keefe Advertising Agency delivered an interesting address to the pupils in salesmanship and business administration at both English classes of the Charlestown Evening High School last night on the growing interest in civic affairs and the advantages and growth of advertising.

He said it is cheaper to advertise one page in a newspaper than to send post cards to purchasers when the cost of the cards and clerk hire is taken into consideration, because the newspaper reaches such a large number of people. He stated that successful business concerns are setting aside a certain sum from their net profits for advertising in newspapers and trade papers.

In relation to interest in civic affairs Maj. O'Keefe said in part: "Within the past few years there has been developed in this country a new and growing interest in civic affairs. Business men are beginning to understand that if they impede the welfare of the community through lack of interest or by the project of selfish purposes that they, as members of the community, will suffer the consequences."

"The activity and enterprise which manifest themselves in participation in community affairs react upon the business man and benefit him. Hundreds of communities throughout the country are dragging along, unhealthily in appearance and unbusinesslike in methods, simply because they lack the stimulus and enterprise that would result from the business men taking a hand in public affairs."

ACADEMY NOTES

Seniors to Debate on War Question—Basketball Is Talked.

Debaters chosen from among the seniors will debate, Tuesday Nov. 28 on, Resolved: "Germany is responsible for the present war." Affirmative speakers will be Miss Lillian Marowitz, Norman Lowe and Charles Branch; negative, Miss Ruth Bigelow, William Mills and Donald McWain.

Clinton Hawley, formerly of Hartford High School, enrolled Monday as a junior.

Joseph G. Purcell has returned to school after spending a few days at his home in Mechanicsville, N. Y.

Dr. Benedict gave the basketball boys a short talk Tuesday morning after chapel. Mr. Stradley who will act as coach called a short meeting at 4 p.m. to which a large number responded. The practices will begin soon and the whole school is unusually optimistic in looking forward to the season.

Fish and Game League Meeting.

Lyndonville, Nov. 21.—The annual meeting of the Vermont Fish and Game League is hereby called to be held at the Pavilion Hotel, Montpelier, Friday, Nov. 24, at 8 o'clock p.m. It is expected that this meeting will be adjourned to a later date to be held in connection with a Sportsmen's convention or some special function.

Grain Affects Egg Prices

Boston, Nov. 21.—Marketmen here say that the high cost of grain is an important factor in the advancing prices of eggs; farmers throughout the country, they declare, are disposing of their poultry rather than sustain a loss through the winter months when the hens do very little laying.

MRS. H. B. HOWE

Wife of U. S. District Court Judge Passes Away Sunday Afternoon—Prominent in Town Life.

Mrs. Maybelle Jane Howe, age 38, wife of Judge Harland B. Howe of the United States district court for Vermont, passed away at her home at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, after an illness of about two weeks.

Mrs. Howe was prominent in all the progressive movements and in the social life of St. Johnsbury, and was a woman who won and held a host of friends by her genial ways and strength of character. She was keenly interested in and a generous supporter of every worthy cause, and in her home life was united in Judge Howe and family have the sincere sympathy of the community.

Maybelle Jane Kelsey (Howe) was born in Danville, Oct. 8, 1878, the daughter of Harry and Flora Kelsey. For many years she was a successful teacher in her native state. On May 2, 1900, she was united in marriage to Judge Harland B. Howe, and to them were born four daughters, Josephine E., Barbara L., Matilda A., and Harriet B. Howe.

She was a member of the St. Johnsbury Woman's club and of the Grace Methodist Episcopal church, in which organization she was an active worker.

She leaves besides her husband and four daughters, four sisters, Mrs. Frank Bugbee of Springfield, Mass., Mrs. George Giffin and Mrs. Myrtle Clark of Lyndonville, and Mrs. Walter Seavey of Pinepoint, Me.

FUNERAL OF MRS. HOWE

Large Number Attend—Men Prohibited in State Law Present.

The funeral of Mrs. Harland B. Howe was held from her late home on Pearl street Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. George A. Martin, pastor of Grace Methodist church officiated.

A large attendance of friends from in and out of town testified to the esteem in which Mrs. Howe was held, and the abundance of beautiful flowers and floral pieces held a further tribute to the fine character of the deceased.

The Caledonia county bar association met, and marched to the house in a body, and the Grace Unity club of the M. E. Church also attended. Many prominent state officials were present as were also many members of the bar throughout the state.

The interment was in the cemetery at St. Johnsbury Center and the bearers were: L. N. Smythe, Arthur H. Gleason, George Caldwell, James Impey, and Joseph Fairbanks of St. Johnsbury and A. B. Pratt of Lyndon.

Among those present from out of town were:

William Howe, Fitchburg, Mass.; Hon. Frederick S. Platt, of Rutland; Arthur P. Carpenter of Brattleboro; P. M. Meldon of Rutland; Miss Olivia Howe, Manchester, N. H.; Mrs. Agnes Hawkins, Concord, N. H.; Mrs. Belle Graves, and Mrs. Earl Fletcher of Lyndonville; Hon. Harry B. Ames, Island Pond; Hon. and Mrs. Herbert C. Comings of Richford; Hon. Martin A. Brown, Boston; Hon. Vernon A. Bullard, J. J. Enright, and Thomas Reeves, Esq., of Burlington; Hon. Matthew G. Leary and Thomas H. Browne, East, Rutland; Hon. James E. Kennedy of Williston; Hon. J. D. Gibson, East Ryegate; Hon. Walter A. Dutton, Hardwick; Hon. Frank C. Williams, Newport; Hon. E. A. Cook, N. A. Norton and Hon. Joseph T. Gleason of Lyndonville; Asa Wesson and Charles Dole of Danville; and H. M. Gogood and Mr. and Mrs. Billa Bigelow and John L. Norris of Lyndonville; Mrs. Porter H. Dale, Island Pond; Mrs. Frank A. Bugbee, Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. G. L. Giffin, Lyndonville; Mrs. Walter Seavey, Pine Point, Me.; and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kelsey of Lyndon.

Vermont Official Returns

Montpelier, Nov. 22.—Charles Evans Hughes' plurality over President Wilson was 17,542 according to official figures made public last night. The vote as counted stood as follows: Hughes, 40,250; Wilson, 22,708; Hanly, prohib., 709; Benson, sec., 798.

Suspend Criticism

You are not to blame for the present Coal situation, neither are we. We can work the thing out together on a Golden Rule basis. Criticism won't help a bit.

CELEBRATED LACKAWANNA FINE FOUR GEORGE D. MOORE 26 EASTERN AVE.